

BULGARS AND TEUTONS HAVE STEADY GAINS

Serbian Holding Back Two Invasions While Allies Make Slow Progress From Salonika For Relief of Their Shattered Front

SHIPS OF FOUR FLAGS JOIN IN BOMBARDMENT

Paris Hopeful of Results From Coming of Rumanian Commission—Russian Force Said To Be Massed On the Black Sea

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, October 24.—The forces of the Allies proceeding north to the aid of the Serbians have not yet come into touch with any of main Bulgarian forces, which are slowly advancing into the interior of Serbia against the stubborn resistance of the Serbs.

The Austro-German reports also tell of a continued advance down the Morava Valley, but the Serbs are holding their own in the northwest sections, south of Belgrade and further west on the Drina.

The Serbian capital, according to Bucharest reports, has been moved from Nish to Kraljevo, some sixty miles to the northwest, which indicates that the Serbians are more apprehensive of the flank attack being made by the Bulgarians than of the attack from the north by the Austro-Germans.

Greece's Wistful Watching

It is believed here that Greece is awaiting a victory by the Allies before entering the war, and there is strong expectation that at the first important triumph for the Entente Powers she will accept the offer to join them in warfare against the Teuton combination.

A vigorous bombardment of the two Aegean Bulgarian ports was made yesterday, in which Italian cruisers and a Russian warship participated. In the meanwhile additional troops are being landed for Sir Ian Hamilton's force in Turkey on the Gulf of Enos. Yesterday's rumors stated that the Turks and Bulgarians have joined to repulse this invasion and that the forces are already engaged in battle.

King Ferdinand, according to Sofia despatches, has been awarded the iron cross by the Kaiser.

Hopes From Rumania

Reports from Paris state that large hopes are being built upon the fact that a Rumanian military commission is now en route from Bucharest to Paris, via Russia, and it is expected that arrangements will be made for Rumania to allow the passage of a Russian army through Rumanian territory, if Rumania does not definitely take the field herself against Bulgaria.

RUSSIANS READY FOR BALKAN DASH

That Russia has a large force concentrated, ready to dash across Rumania into Bulgaria and on to Constantinople, if Rumania will permit, or ready to be sent against Bulgaria by the Black Sea route, if other roads be closed, is the report current in London for days ago, according to despatches to the Canadian press.

It was generally received in London as probable in that it gave the first plausible explanation of the mysterious apparent expedition of the Grand Duke from control of the Russian armies and chieftains of the mystery of why he, admittedly the strong man of Russia, meekly accepted his apparent retirement from command. In the clubs the theory was discussed with eagerness and many military experts declared it bore strong marks of correctness.

Vital To Russia

There was, of course, no official confirmation possible but the report persisted. In brief the explanation was that the Allies, realizing that Bulgaria could not be depended on to support their cause and that the aid of Greece and Rumania was uncertain long ago foresaw that German arms would have to come to the aid of the Turks and made their preparations accordingly. Constantinople for ages has been the object of all Russian diplomacy. Its possession was vital to her. It was of vastly greater moment than the temporary loss of Galicia or Courland.

With this in view, it was asserted, the Grand Duke Nicholas was craftily

AUTHORITIES SUSPECT GERMAN PLOT AGAINST NEUTRALITY IS HATCHING

Broken Paroles of Officers, Ships Slipping Off To Sea, Unidentified Yachts, All Suspicious

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, October 24.—Accumulating evidence, coming from many different sources, leads the authorities to suspect strongly that a widespread plot is being worked out by Germans in the United States or German sympathizers for the violation of American neutrality.

It is believed that plans are afoot either to fit out and despatch commerce destroyers to operate in the Caribbean or to carry out a series of anti-Mexican filibustering expeditions.

A series of incidents have been brought to the attention of the officials which all tend to show some widely spread plot. The breaking of their parole by some of the officers of the interned German commerce destroyers at Norfolk is believed now to be a part of the plot. The recent stealthy sailing of the steamer Zealandia, which slipped out of Pensacola at night, without clearance papers, is another bit in the suspicions of the authorities. The Zealandia took on large quantities of supplies and it is known that in her crew are a large proportion of German sailors.

Two yachts which the authorities have been watching have been lying at Key West for the past two weeks, with their ownership still not definitely determined.

Connected up in the minds of the officials with the many unexplained things which have been transpiring ashore is the fact that a British tank steamer recently arrived at a South American port with the news that she had been fired upon by some small, armed craft and that some of her crew had been killed or wounded.

The navy department, the state department and the department of justice are each carrying on an investigation.

POLICE SUSPECT A GERMAN MURDERER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
CHICAGO, October 24.—Murder, which the police suspect has been done by someone opposed to the cause of the Allies, was done here last night, Franklin Woerhees, a broker, being shot and killed at his home by parties who escaped.

Before he died, Woerhees told the police that he knew of no reason why anyone should attempt his life unless it might be that his father had acted for agents of the Allies in the purchase of war material in the United States and had also supplied the governments of the Allies with materials with the manufacture of explosives.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT REGULATES SUPPLIES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, October 23.—The German central government has assumed control of all kinds of food supplies, the handling of which has heretofore been under the supervision of the provincial authorities. Under the new regime prices and amount of supplies for various purposes will be more strictly regulated.

withdrawn from the west under an apparent cloud of disgrace and sent to the Caucasus, not as a demotion, but really to prepare for the day when the Balkan situation should come to a head, and means would have to be taken to prevent German and Austrian aid coming to the assistance of the hard-pressed Turks at the Dardanelles.

From the day when the Czar embraced Grand Duke Nicholas in farewell at the railway station in Petrograd not a word has come of the activities of the former commander in chief of the isolated Caucasus.

It is now declared that he has been busy assisting the Russian troops at their great Black Sea base at Odessa, and in mobilizing near that port every available Russian regiment to be ready for embarkation in case invasion of Bulgaria proves necessary following successes of the German rush through Serbia.

To Cross Black Sea
Russian dominance in the Black Sea is well known. It is believed that when German invasion of Serbia really begins, and particularly as Bulgaria actively assists in it, Nicholas will come at once across the Black Sea to either Varna or Burgas, probably the latter, in Bulgaria, and, striking through Eastern Rumania, along the line of the Jamboli railroad, will cut the Sofia-Constantinople railroad, near Timova, in the valley of the Maritza River. This route for Russia's armies would be vastly shorter than the long road of the German forces through the Morava Valley of Serbia and across Bulgaria, and unless Greece and Rumania should actively assist the Bulgars they would be left unaided to bear the Russian shock.

Great Secret Plan
Another phase of the alleged secret plan of the Allies makes it even more probable that the Germans would have to fight hard to penetrate to Constantinople. It is weeks since a great land and sea expedition of more than 100,000 men left Tarento and other Italian ports, supposedly for the Dardanelles.

So far as known that force never reached the straits. It is almost certain that today it is held on the island of Lemnos, in the Aegean Sea. Now, the reports of the great secret plan say, it is the intention, should occasion arise, to utilize this Italian army also to block the Kaiser's eastward advance. It is pointed out that from Lemnos to the Gulf of Enos, whence the Delegation Railroad runs northward to Adrianople, is but a short sail.

Striking inland from this point, the Italians could batter their way up the Maritza Valley, striking the Constantinople railroad at Luleburgaz. Then, with the Russians at Timova and the Italians at Luleburgaz, Adrianople, Turkey's great stronghold, would be isolated and a band of bayonets would be thrown across Germany's only road to Constantinople, which her legions would find it hard to pass.

TEXAN RANCHERS WOULD CROSS LINE

Ask For Immunity To Chase Down Bandits and Recover Stolen Property

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, October 24.—Report from Brownsville, Texas, announce that the border ranchers have appealed to the governor for more protection against the Mexican bandits, who are crossing in small bands and running of cattle and horses and looting ranch houses. The ranchers ask, that, in the event of the government not being able to furnish the necessary protection they be promised immunity from punishment, receiving which they will cross the border themselves and bring back their own stolen stock. They express a willingness to take the law in their own hands if the federal authorities will agree not to interfere with them.

From Laredo it is reported that the federal authorities have given permission for a force of five thousand Caranistas to cross into American territory at that point and proceed from there to Douglas, Arizona, whence they will return to Mexico.

Vera Cruz despatches say that Caranza has decided not to call for any elections in Mexico until the fighting in the north has been ended. The pre-constitutional period will last for about a year, according to his expectations at the end of which time he will have Villa and Zapata completely crushed and peace restored. In the meanwhile he assumes personal responsibility for the safety of the lives and property of foreigners in the Republic.

KING'S APPEAL TO VOLUNTEERS HAS QUICK RESULTS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, October 24.—Throughout the entire country recruiting is reported to be very brisk, thousands offering themselves for the army. The rush of new blood to the colors is ascribed to two main reasons, one the reports from Belgium of the execution of an English war nurse and the sentence to death of other women nurses, the other personal appeal made to "all classes" by King George.

The call of the king was "volunteers" and is taken to mean that reliance is still to be placed upon recruit who offer themselves and not upon a system of army ballot, draft or conscription.

Yesterday was described by the London Telegraph as "the blackest hour of the war," a sentiment not echoed in any other paper, the press expressing satisfaction with every phase of the war except that in the Balkans.

A Reuter despatch from Stockholm yesterday reports the sinking of the Swedish steamer Raminia in the Baltic Sea struck a mine and foundered.

GRAND DUCHESS IN QUARREL WITH CABINET

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
AMSTERDAM, October 24.—Advice from Luxembourg announce the resignation of the ministry of the Grand Duchess, irreconcilable differences of opinion having arisen between the premier and the Grand Duchess Marie. The cause of the quarrel has not been made public.

OFFICER GAVE COUP DE GRACE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
AMSTERDAM, October 23.—The Amsterdam Telegraph says that the Germans have recently executed Madame Louise Freney, a French woman living in Liege. According to the Telegraph's story, the aim of the soldiers ordered to shoot the woman was poor and she was wounded, whereupon an officer despatched her with a revolver.

RACE HORSES AS GIFTS FOR THE EMPEROR

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)
SAN FRANCISCO, October 23.—The Japanese Association of California will present Emperor Yoshihito with two blooded race horses in honor of the coronation. The horses were bred in America and cost the association \$1500 each. The committee selected them at the five-stock show at the exposition on Thursday. Emperor Yoshihito has always been a lover of fine horse flesh and the best that could be procured here were purchased by the association.

BABY VICTIM OF TRAGEDY ADOPTED BY KEA AND WIFE

The recent tragedy in Maunaloa Valley which resulted in the killing of Mrs. Agnes Long by Elia A. Long, her husband, and the immediate suicide of the latter, was vividly recalled in Judge Whitney's court yesterday when Daisy, the less than five-month-old orphaned daughter of the dead couple, was adopted by Henry Kea and his wife, Daisy Kea, and her name changed by decree of Judge Whitney to Daisy Kea. Baby Daisy was born June 1, last.

ANOTHER STEAMSHIP COMPANY IS TO BE FORCED OUT OF BUSINESS

Panama Railroad Rates Such That Luckenbach Company Official Says His Line Will Have To Quit

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, October 24.—The high rates imposed by the Panama Railroad Company are to drive the Luckenbach Steamship Company out of business, according to a statement made yesterday by R. C. Thackara, vice president of the corporation.

This official states that the Panama Railroad is employing a discriminatory schedule of rates, charging from two dollars and a half a ton up to fifteen dollars, which figures make the steamship business between the Pacific terminals of the railroad and Coast ports unprofitable, while to pay the Panama rates and then meet the competition of the transcontinental railroads is likewise impossible.

The Luckenbach Steamship Company employs eleven steamers, which are to be laid up at once or disposed of, according to Mr. Thackara.

ALLEGED CRIMINAL ASSAULT ATTEMPTED

Hilo Women Accuse Well Known Young Man—No Arrests Made

HILO, October 23.—The Herald this week carries a sensational story of an alleged attempted assault upon two Hilo young women, said to have been committed by William Low, an automobile driver, and Samuel Simerson. The names of the women are withheld and the Herald says that as yet no arrests have been made.

The alleged assault is said to have taken place one night last week, on the road leading to the slaughter house at Eight Mile, Oahu. The women, says the Herald, told the county attorney that they were walking from Villa Franca to the city to attend a moving picture show, when the automobile driven by Low approached, traveling toward town. Thinking it a rent car the women hailed it and climbed in, telling the driver to bring them to Hilo. Simerson was in the machine with Low.

Instead of proceeding to the city however, the driver turned up the road leading toward the volcano, making the excuse that he was going to meet another car to deliver an extra tire. The other car was met. It was driven by Fred Low, brother of William. Fred Low told his brother he had obtained another tire and ordered the latter to fall in behind and follow him to town. Instead of doing this however, the women informed the county attorney, William Low drove on up the road, turning into the lane leading to the slaughter house. There he stopped the car, turned off the lights, say the women, and then he and Simerson attempted to assault the women.

Simerson soon desisted, but Low continued and finally both women succeeded, after a desperate struggle, in getting away and walking to the volcano road, and returned to the city.

The Herald says Simerson has confessed to the county attorney, and that Deputy Sheriff Martin had the women and Simerson prepared to appear before the grand jury Wednesday, but the inquisitors did not call for their testimony. The story further declares there is talk of bringing the affair to the attention of the United States district attorney in Honolulu.

SPEAKER HOLSTEIN ON PROHIBITION QUESTION

Favor Hawaiian As Leader Against John Barleycorn

Hon. H. L. Holstein, speaker of the house of the territorial legislature, who was in Honolulu this week on a short business visit, was approached, he says, by some prohibition workers. He was asked if he thought that a systematic campaign should be begun immediately to bring the prohibition issue flatly before the next session of the legislature, which will begin the third Wednesday in February, 1917.

"Prohibition?" he queried. "Why? Those who preach prohibition will practice what they preach, prohibition will be a real issue in Hawaii within five years."

Mr. Dr. John W. Waldman, head of the Anti-Saloon League, as head of the prohibition movement, is not the one to lead to success in Hawaii," Holstein continued.

A man like H. L. Holstein, who has been to the head of the movement in place of Mr. Waldman, would lead influence among the Hawaiians and all other classes. Prohibition would benefit the Hawaiian race more than any other. It needs it most. Let a Hawaiian head and lead the movement and you will see the Hawaiian people fall in line almost unanimously.

HUGE SUFFRAGE PARADE IN GOTHAM

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, October 24.—As a part of the general campaign on the question of woman's suffrage, to be voted on December 4, a great suffrage parade was held here yesterday. There were forty thousand persons in the line, of whom about five thousand were men. Included in the parade were thirty bands and many hundreds of banners and mottoes. The suffrage workers hoped by the parade to create interest in the question among the rank and file of the voters.

SLAV MOVES THREATENING GERMAN LEFT

Von Hindenburg's Position, Thought To Be Victorious, Becoming Critical Before Riga And Retreat May Be Forced

RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS HURRIED TO THE FRONT

Austro-Germans On Defensive Along Entire Eastern Front, Losing Ground In Many Places, Against Severe Russ Attacks

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, October 24.—Strong Russian reinforcements have been pouring in along the Riga and Dvinsk front in a supreme effort to frustrate von Hindenburg's latest and fiercest drive and to prevent the Germans from securing either of the important points for their winter headquarters.

The efforts of the Russians are apparently succeeding in even greater measure than had been anticipated and the position of the Germans is becoming a serious one for them. Instead of scoring a great victory, as seemed very probable during the middle of the week, von Hindenburg now finds himself menaced by a growing opposition which is on the offensive and which may so develop as to throw the whole German left back in complete defeat.

Russians Aggressive

All along the eastern front, from Riga to the border of Bukovina, in Austria, the Russians are resuming their attacks and the words of Lord Kitchener, uttered in the house of commons three weeks ago, appear to have been justified. "Germany has shot her bolt," announced the British war lord, and the military critics agree that, judging from the latest Petrograd reports, the Austro-German drive into Russia has reached its limit and the tide has turned.

The Germans have been checked all along the line and their sphere of action is being constantly narrowed by individual successes of the Russians which force the Germans to abandon parts of their campaign.

Slavs Make Advances

Eastward the Russians are gaining in many places, notably around Postavy. This town has been taken and the Germans driven westward through Duka.

The Russians are still on the offensive at Varanovich.

The successes against the Austrians in Galicia are being followed up at Novoleksiecz.

Vienna Admits It

Official bulletins in Vienna show that Austria acknowledges the defeat of her soldiers at the hands of the Russians operating on the lower southeast line, on the Galician border.

FREIGHT HANDLERS IN BOSTON OUT ON STRIKE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BOSTON, October 24.—Fifteen hundred freight handlers, on three railroads, went out on a strike last night, asking for better consideration from the railroads in the matter of wages, hours and pay for holidays. There is already a great freight congestion, which the strikers are taking advantage of.

GERMAN ATTACK NORTH OF ARRAS DISPERSED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PARIS, October 23.—An official report says the German force attempting an advance in the Givenchy district has been dispersed.

BUYERS' COMBINATION IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, October 24.—The Federal Trade Commission has been ordered to investigate charges that the buyers for the business houses of North and South Carolina are in a combination in restraint of trade.